

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 742
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert McNees II of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Robert McNees II of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNees II was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNees served with proficiency and integrity as one of Oak Ridge's first mayors and was a longtime activist in Oak Ridge city affairs and Democratic politics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNees worked with purpose and commitment at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1952 until 1977, in the Chemical Technology Division and the Metallurgy Division. He also served with distinction as director of the budget and programming at the lab; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Mr. McNees received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from East Tennessee State University and his master's degree and doctorate degree from Purdue University in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Robert leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNees was preceded in death by his first wife Mary, his second wife Elizabeth, his sister, Helen McNees and his brother, Jim McNees; and

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WHEREAS, Robert McNees is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bob McNees III, who is the Oak Ridge city judge, and Ann McNees, a member of the Oak Ridge Board of Education; and his grandchildren, Bob McNees of Austin, Texas, Andy McNees and Megan McNees, both of Oak Ridge, and Randall McNees of Whitestone, Va.; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by two stepdaughters, Robin S. Chapman of Madison, Wis., and Shelagh Smith Axley of Rockville, Md.; and two nephews, David McNees and Mike McNees, both of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Robert McNees II, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the Oak Ridge community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert McNees II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.